

House Resolution No. 1324

Whereas, Gary Swartz is a Corporal with the Missouri State Highway Patrol who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri-Columbia before embarking on his career in law enforcement; and

Whereas, a native of Maysville, Missouri, Gary Swartz received appointment to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 1, 1992, after which he successfully attended the state's official Academy to earn the right to wear badge #705 on his uniform; and

Whereas, assigned to Troop C in Franklin County, officer Gary Swartz worked for five years as a road officer before being selected as a canine officer and reassigned to the Criminal Interdiction Zone, rising to the rank of Corporal in 1999, and becoming supervisor in 2002; and

Whereas, in addition to his stellar reputation as a member of the Troop C Honor Guard, Corporal Gary Swartz is highly respected for his involvement in the seizure of 1,900 pounds of marijuana, 409 pounds of cocaine, currency, and weapons as a criminal interdictor/canine handler and in the confiscation of more than 17,260 pounds of marijuana and 1,490 pounds of cocaine from traffic stops involving commercial motor vehicles and other forms of conveyance; and

Whereas, Corporal Gary Swartz received the Patrol's Lifesaving Award in 1994 for helping to resuscitate a cardiac arrest victim and has earned numerous letters of appreciation from local schools and civic organizations for K-9 demonstrations, from the United States Marshals Service, and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, Corporal Gary Swartz utilized his training, knowledge, and skills during a traffic stop at the Wright City exit of Interstate 70 to apprehend fugitive teenagers Vasiliy L. Petrov, Ilya V. Melnik, and Nicolay V. Sloboda who were wanted for the murder of a King County, Washington, deputy's son:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Corporal Gary Swartz and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his high level of professionalism in the conduct of his sworn duties and our best wishes for continued personal and career success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Corporal Gary Swartz of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sutherland
District No. 99

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1324, adopted March 30, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker